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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report and background paper on issues related to the administration and management of land, prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with a group of land tenure/land management experts from United Nations entities and international geospatial organizations. The report and background paper are available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the two documents and to express its views on the way forward for the application of geospatial information to land administration and management.

Summary of the report

At its fourth session, held in New York from 6 to 8 August 2014, the Committee of Experts acknowledged that there was an urgent need for land administration to become a predominant theme in its work. The Committee then approved the addition of the agenda item entitled "Application of geospatial information related to land administration and management", to be addressed by the Secretariat during its intercessional period through the preparation of an issues paper for discussion at its fifth session, in August 2015.

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The information in the report is supported by the background document prepared by the Secretariat in collaboration with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, the International Federation of Surveyors, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and other international organizations. In the report, the process by which the issues paper was prepared is also described and the major issues and possible areas of focus to be considered for action by the Committee of Experts are highlighted.